

Boating Rules and Regulations

1. Boats must have one life jacket for every person on board. All persons on personal watercraft (skis, tubes, jet skis, etc) must wear a personal flotation device.

2. Keep your watercraft in good working order. Do not overload your boat.

3. Operating watercraft under the influence of drugs or alcohol is illegal and will not be tolerated.



4. Be sure the way is clear before you start. A boat already in motion has the right of way. Always stay alert and vigilant -- know the "Rules of the Road."

5. Watercraft must be driven counterclockwise around the lake.

6. Pass or overtake another boat on the left side only.

7. Do not create an unnecessary wake for fishermen, skiers or pontoons. Do not sweep or spray docks, floats or other boats.

8. Motorized watercraft traveling above planing speed must stay at least 100 feet away from docks, rafts, swimmers, and other watercraft. Personal watercraft must stay 150 feet from boats if crossing a wake.

9. An observer (spotter) in the boat is required when pulling skiers, tubers, etc. Pick up fallen tubers and skiers immediately.

10. Skiing, tubing, etc is prohibited from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

11. Boats operating after dark must be at a no wake speed with lights operating. Driving boats at high speed after dark is dangerous.

12. Jet skis or other personal watercraft must be off the lake one hour before sunset until 8:00am.

13. Always be on the lookout for swimmers, fallen water skiers, tubers, etc.

14. Children under 12 years of age may not operate motorized watercraft without an adult on board. Operators under 16 must have a Boater's Safety Certificate.

15. Be aware that dumping passengers off personal watercraft is considered "Reckless Endangerment" and carries heavy penalties.

16. Do not stand or allow others to stand in a moving boat.

Refer to the ***Handbook! Of Michigan Boating Laws and Responsibilities*** for complete rules and to make sure you are doing everything possible to ensure a safe time on the water. Support boater safety classes, and remember:

IGNORANCE OF THE LAW IS NO EXCUSE

Our lake is patrolled by the Clare County Sheriff's Department, the DNR (Department of Natural Resources), and our own Marine Safety Watch Patrol.

Report violations to the Sheriff's Dept.

539-7166



Perhaps the oldest boat on our lake is the Indian Queen, built c. 1910 (Racine Boat Co.), and restored and relaunched in 2008. Owners: Maggie & Gene Verrette.